

REMARKS

In an Office Action mailed April 17, 2006, the Examiner vacated a prior restriction requirement in view of Applicants' August 1, 2003 preliminary amendment that presented new claims 16-25. The Examiner also rejected claims 16-25 for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,602,711. This is the only outstanding issue.

A terminal disclaimer that accompanies this response obviates the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Typographical Corrections to the Claims

Claims 16 and 17 are amended solely to address minor typographical and spelling issues in the claims. No substantive amendment is made or intended.

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the merits of this patent application, and a Notice of Allowance, are respectfully requested.

A petition for a three month extension of time accompanies this response so that the response will be deemed to have been timely filed. Should any other extension of time be due, in this or any subsequent response, please consider this to be a request for the appropriate extension of time and a request to charge the fee due to Deposit Account No. 17-0055. Please charge the Terminal Disclaimer Fee to this same Deposit Account. No other fee is believed due, but should any other fee be due, in this or any subsequent response, please consider this to be a request to charge the fee to the same deposit account.

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